

## CHRISTMAS FAST FOR NIOY BISMARCK KIDS

Van Hout Motel Cafe to Play  
Host to the Poor Children of City  
Between 1:30 and 3 p. m.

ON A FORGETTABLE  
STOCKING OF UK NIOY  
Suggested that Capital City  
Celebrate Yuletide Cheer by  
Tugging Up Blinds  
SOO'S SANTA CLAUS  
(United Press)  
St. Paul, Dec. 20. The Soo line  
advanced Santa Claus a few days  
today, when they paid all employ-  
ees in the general office a sub-  
stantial bonus check. Other Soo  
line employees through the north-  
west may be similarly treated this  
week.

Newsies, orphans and children of  
the poor are going to "spruce up" just  
a little bit more than the usual when  
they become the guests of Bougan  
Brothers, proprietors of the Van Hout  
motel cafe, between the hours of  
1:30 and 3 o'clock.  
No formal "invites"  
are being sent thru  
the mails, nor will  
Tommy and Mary  
have to answer any  
"R. S. V. P.'s."  
The invitations are "popu-  
lar," according to  
the proprietors and  
include all the poor children of  
the city.

A Glorious Feast for Kids.  
It's going to be a glorious feast for  
the kids. In one of the city's most  
fashionable cafes they are going to  
dine on turkey, cranberry sauce, baked  
sweet potatoes, pudding, pie and  
snack their ice cream spoons. At  
each table will be a special waiter to  
cater to the wants of the kids. Yep,  
Tommy and Mary are going to dine  
in real fashion.  
"It's a wonderful Christmas  
thought," declared Captain James  
Murphy of the Bismarck Salvation  
army this morning when he heard of  
the idea. "Nothing could impress me  
more at this Yuletide than to hear of  
such a generous response from Bougan  
Brothers. It seems to me that the  
poor in the Capital City are going to  
be cared for better this season than  
any preceding Christmas, all due to  
the big open hearts of the Bismarck  
people."

"But there is need for more contribu-  
tions to the Bismarck Stocking club.  
While responses have been good, it is  
hoped during the next two or three  
days enough will be secured to assure  
a merry Christmas for each of the 150  
needy children of Bismarck."  
All contributions should be sent di-  
rectly to Captain Murphy or dropped  
in one of the kettles on the street.  
Why Not Up With the Cur-tains?  
Up with the curtains Christmas  
eve and Christmas night in Bismarck.  
Let the city be a blaze of light. Busi-  
ness men, ministers and others all  
prominent in the growth and the pros-  
perity of the city were unanimous  
yesterday in voicing their opinions  
that in every residence the blinds  
should be raised with the lighting of  
the Christmas trees in order that the  
good cheer within might be spread to  
the "little world of Bismarck" out-  
side.

"That's as it should be," declared  
Dr. W. J. Hutchison, pastor of the  
Methodist church, when questioned as  
to his opinion this afternoon. "I am  
heartily in favor of it. Others who  
were broached on the idea gave state-  
ments of a similar tone."  
M. A. Dunn Favors the Movement.  
"I heartily endorse the movement to  
have all the curtains in the Bismarck  
homes raised on Christmas night and  
Christmas eve," said Mrs. J. P. Dunn,  
president of the Civic league when  
seen yesterday. "I've league president  
also had another idea in mind. She  
hoped the time would come when  
residents of Bismarck would revive that  
old custom of keeping an open house  
on New Year's day."

Spirit of Christmas Arrives.  
The spirit of Christmas arrived in  
Bismarck last week with a four-inch  
fall of snow, assuring a white Christ-  
mas. Stores are now open until late  
in the evening and have experienced  
throngs of shoppers during the evening.  
Officers of the Salvation army  
brave the subzero temperatures and  
stand on the principal corners of the  
city, guarding over their kettles,  
streets, guardians over their kettles,  
while bells are rung for contributions  
for baskets for the poor on Christmas  
day. A splendid start was made with  
the sum of \$27.10 was raised for the  
day. However, the cold snap of Mon-  
day had a detrimental effect on the  
"warming up" process, Monday's in-  
come amounting to only \$5.46.

The army-workers on the investiga-  
tions are going at their business thor-  
oughly and by tomorrow evening the  
captain reports, he expects to have  
a list of his actual requirements for  
Christmas relief. The baskets and  
stockings will be delivered by Santa  
Claus Saturday afternoon. But until  
then the word of the Salvation army  
officers to the pedestrians will be to  
"keep the kettles boiling."

AMERICANS ALLOWED  
TO LEAVE SYRIA  
Washington, Dec. 20. The 200  
Americans detained in Syria and Pal-  
estine by the Turkish military authori-  
ties have been granted permission to  
leave via Beirut on condition that  
they return at Beirut for a month to  
make valuable any military informa-  
tion they may have.

## Low Record Temperature For Month

Official Reading at 8 O'Clock  
This Morning Was 42 Below

Game Below Zero

WIND SERVICE- TEMPOUT  
NORTHWEST IN UNIFORM

Wrestle to Round Two Long  
Sh. All Blasts Mockings of

Katrine Cold

ST. PAUL SUFFERS.

(By United Press.)

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 20. The coldest  
December weather in 15 years  
was recorded today, when thermom-  
eters dropped to 23 degrees below zero.  
The cold was accompanied by a 17-  
mile an hour wind.

HOURLY READINGS.	
Midnight	35
1 A. M.	37
2 A. M.	34
3 A. M.	36
4 A. M.	37
5 A. M.	38
6 A. M.	39
7 A. M.	42
8 A. M.	40
9 A. M.	39
10 A. M.	38
11 A. M.	37
12 A. M.	35

A low temperature record for the  
Bismarck weather bureau station for  
the month of December was made this  
morning at 8:30 o'clock when a "mini-  
mum" of 42 degrees below zero was  
reached. The nearest approach to  
this mark was 38 degrees on Decem-  
ber 24, 1879.

On but two other  
occasions since the  
station was estab-  
lished in 1874 has  
a temperature of  
more than 30 de-  
grees below zero  
occurred. December  
26, 1886 with 34,  
and December 25,  
1884, with 35.

Close to State's Cold Record.  
With but one exception, according  
to Orris W. Roberts, meteorologist, in  
charge of the government station here,  
today's registration is the lowest tem-  
perature recorded in the state, 42 de-  
grees below having been recorded at  
Dunseith, Rolette county on Decem-  
ber 13, 1901, and at Medora, Billings  
county, on December 26, 1904.

Observations taken by the United  
(Continued on page 4)

## PURCHASE PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF FRAUDULENT

Spring's Session at Opening of  
Morning Session of District  
Court

With three-fourths of the chairs in  
the jury box filled, Attorney George  
H. Purchase, of Halliday, facing trial  
in the district court for embezzlement  
charge, sprang a sensation at the  
opening of the session this morning  
by pleading guilty through his counsel.  
Sentence will be passed by Judge  
Nuesse on January 18. Bail bonds  
were fixed at \$2,000.

Amount Mentioned \$2,025.78  
The prosecution alleged that Pur-  
chase, as attorney for Charles Jent-  
zen, administrator of the estate of the  
late Andrew Lipter of Dunn county  
did "by virtue of said employment, re-  
ceive and take into his possession a  
certain check for \$2,025.08 and appro-  
priated it to his own use." About 12  
witnesses had been subpoenaed by the  
prosecution, the case being called late  
yesterday afternoon.

For a Charge Dismissed.  
The county charge growing out of  
the same transaction was dismissed  
when the plea of guilty was entered  
shortly after 9:30 o'clock. Purchase  
agreed to return all the funds misap-  
propriated.

Sentence for an offense of this na-  
ture is said to be from one to five  
years and will probably result in his  
being banished from practicing law  
in North Dakota.

Array of Legal Lights.  
An array of legal talent was pres-  
ent when the case was called. Thom-  
as G. Johnson of Killdeer, state at-  
torney for Dunn county, headed the  
prosecution. Assisting him were H.  
J. Linde, attorney general; T. D. Cas-  
ey of Dickinson, special counsel re-  
presenting the estate, and City At-  
torney McCurdy of Bismarck, who was  
procured to aid in the selection of the  
jury.

Counsel for the defense were T. E.  
Murtha of Dickinson, Miller, Zuger  
and Tillotson of Bismarck and Ator-  
ney Stark of Dickinson. Mr. Pur-  
chase once practiced law at James-  
town, Bismarck, Beach and Richardson.  
Before coming to this state he served  
with the police force at Superior, Wis.  
He was a witness in the famous im-  
peachment trial several years ago of  
the mayor of Superior.

MARKET STEADY.

(By United Press.)

London, Dec. 20. The British Stock  
Exchange opened steady again Tues-  
day on the strength of Lloyd George's  
address. The general trend of the  
market is steady.

## WAR MOVES AT LOW FRI ON ALL FRONTS

Developments in Peace Movement

Await Presentation of Form

al Reply

ATLANTIC DRIVE RELEAS

AT MOST AT EN

Unfavorable Weather Makes Mil-

itary Operations Exceed-

ingly Difficult

BRITISH HOLD MAIL.

(United Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 20. From December,  
1915, to December, 1916, British  
and French war vessels seized  
24,500 mail bags bound for Ger-  
many and 15,800 mail bags bound  
for Austria, the press bureau stat-  
ed today. It is estimated that of  
these 11,000 bags were bound to the  
United States and 13,000 were  
bound from the United States to  
Germany. Many were enroute to  
South America. It is believed  
that British and French consuls  
read the mail in these bags and  
this may account for the British  
blacklist.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 20. Further develop-  
ments in the peace movement in Eu-  
rope now await the presentation of  
the formal reply of the Entente Al-  
lies to the proposal of the Central  
Powers. David Lloyd George, the  
British premier, and Premier Briand  
of France have indicated that this  
reply will speedily be forthcoming.

Military operations in the European  
field of war are at a low ebb. The  
driving campaign of Field Marshal  
von Mackensen in Rumania seems  
nearly at an end. In any event, with-  
out some further move of an im-  
portant nature is in contemplation in  
this war theatre, the reports show  
comparative quiet to be prevailing at  
the present.

Little Activity.  
On the Franco-Belgian front also  
there is a lull with the quieting down  
of the recent activity at Verdun, while  
latest reports from both the Russian  
and Austro-Italian armies show but  
little more than artillery duels and  
skirmishes.

In Macedonia, the reports show rain  
and fog prevailing, with no military  
movement, with the exception of pa-  
trol engagements.

SOLDIERS IN DARK.

(United Press.)

With the British armies, Dec. 20.  
Despite the Kaiser's orders to men in  
the field, stating that he had taken up  
the matter of peace with the Entente  
allies, it is believed here that the ma-  
jority of German soldiers are ignorant  
of peace proposals.

Several prisoners taken claim to  
know nothing of peace negotiations.  
Only one German officer admitted hav-  
ing heard such a rumor. It is report-  
ed here that General von Hindenberg  
is dissatisfied with the turn of affairs  
on the eastern front.

ON VERGE OF FAMINE.

(United Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 20. Several large Rus-  
sian towns are on the verge of fam-  
ine, Swedish newspapers have printed,  
according to the press bureau today.  
These newspapers stated that it is im-  
possible to buy the store of grain now  
held in Russia, and in some cases civil  
authorities have been using from the  
military store.

## PROHIBITION NECESSARY FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

Washington, Dec. 20. The big con-  
gressional hearing in which prepared-  
ness advocates hope for a new sys-  
tem continued today. The senate and  
the house joint committee heard high  
departmental officials. The house  
heard experts tell of the nation's lack  
of preparedness. Senator Webb said  
that total prohibition is really neces-  
sary to national defense. He pointed  
to European nations prohibiting the  
traffic in liquor immediately after they  
were called upon to defend their bor-  
ders.

By Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 20. The present  
high price of paper is not due to a  
scarcity of rags and old paper stock,  
according to officers of The National  
Association of Waste Material Deal-  
ers, who are in quarterly session here.  
Paper manufacturers, they say, re-  
cently assured the dealers they were  
not in the market.

GEFMAN PRESS COMMENT.

(By Associated Press.)

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 20.  
Commenting on Premier Lloyd  
George's speech, the Tegelseche Rund-  
schau of Berlin says:  
"Reparation could be demanded by  
England only if Germany had declar-  
ed war on England, if we were to  
blame for the war, if we had commit-  
ted a crime against international law,  
and if we had been defeated."

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about reparation are of no value, in-  
asmuch as nothing has been said thus  
far about peace conditions. This pa-  
per continues:  
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successful in conquering Germany's  
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nouncement means eternal war unless  
it is in the power of the German com-  
mand to bring it to an earlier termi-  
nation than Lloyd George supposes."

CAPTAIN AND  
SIX OF CREW  
PERISH IN STORM

(By United Press.)

Hallifax, N. S., Dec. 20. Captain  
Peterson and his crew of six, of the  
American schooner, William Mason,  
are believed to have perished in a  
storm that swept this vicinity a week  
ago. Two bodies and considerable  
wreckage believed to have been of the  
William Mason have washed ashore  
here. The William Mason was a  
465-ton, three-masted schooner.

SITUATION QUIET.

(By United Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 20. Strong artillery ac-  
tivity along the Somme and in the  
Champagne sector was reported to-  
day. Repulse of several Russian at-  
tacks on the eastern front was also  
reported. In Macedonia, the situation  
was reported more quiet.

Greater artillery activity north of  
Verdun was reported in the official  
statement today.

## WILL CHIEF IS FROM ST. NICK

Federal Farm Loan Board Ex-

pects to Make Decision

Within Few Days

FEDERAL DISTRICTS AND

CITIZEN UNDERMINED

Board Hoped to Make Public Lo-

cation of Banks on Dec-

ember 20

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 20. The federal  
farm loan board expects to announce  
within a few days the location of the  
12 farm loan banks to be established  
throughout the country. Sometime  
ago the board announced that it hoped  
to make public the location of these  
banks December 20, but it was  
said today that the district and lo-  
cation in some instances still were  
undetermined.

## N. D. REGIMENT TO LEAVE FOR HOMI, JAN. 1

(By United Press.)

Llano Grande, Texas, Dec. 20. The  
First North Dakota regiment, national  
guards, is due to leave here for Fort  
Snelling, Minn., about January 7.

This was the word given out by of-  
ficers of the regiment today. Major  
Stacey of General Berry's staff at Chi-  
cago today wired that the soldiers  
would move as a part of "group three"  
to Fort Snelling, Minn.

It will probably be about February  
1 before the North Dakotans are on  
the soil of their home state as civil-  
ians again.

TWO MONTHS.

(Associated Press.)

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 20. It will be  
two months before the national  
guardians will return from the bor-  
der, declared Major Angus Fraser,  
just returned to Fargo. Lack of  
equipment will delay transportation  
home.

## J. BARTY CORN IS VICTOR BY 23,000 IN BOSTON

(United Press.)

Boston, Dec. 20. Final figures on  
the prohibition election show John  
Bartycorn to have won in Boston by  
23,051.

## PAPER COST NOT DUE TO SHORTAGE IN THE RAW MATERIAL

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PRESIDENT TAKES STROLL.

(United Press.)

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## IS CHOSEN REGENT OF NEW POLAND



ARCHDUKE CARL  
STEPHEN OF AUSTRIA

Archduke Charles Stephen of Aus-  
tria may be the first king of new Pol-  
and. He has been chosen regent of  
the territory held by the Central Pow-  
ers. The archduke is a cousin of the  
late Emperor Francis Joseph and  
commander of the Austrian navy. He  
is 56.

## COMMISSIONERS APPOINT MORRIS AS CITY ASSESSOR

Named for Two Years at Salary

of \$1500 Per Regins Office

Term January 1

The city commissioners in ses-  
sion last evening appointed Edward  
E. Morris for a term of two years  
as city assessor, at a salary of \$1,500  
a year. The appointment was recom-  
mended by Commissioner R. C. Bat-  
tey, and concurred in by President A.  
W. Lucas and Commissioner, Chris  
Eertach.

The appointment marks a new pro-  
cedure in matters relative to the as-  
sessment of city property, collection  
of taxes, and the taking of the city  
census, creating a department  
similar to that in Fargo and Grand  
Forks, with a man on the job annu-  
ally instead of a period of 60 days as  
formerly. It is believed that this de-  
partment will save the city annually  
more than the salary of the man at  
the head, who will watch all property  
subject to taxation, that none escapes.  
Poll taxes, too, will be collected by  
this department, as well as statistics  
kept which will be of special value for  
reference.

Edward E. Morris will enter upon  
his official duties the first of the year.  
His office will in all probability be  
located in the city hall. He has made  
a number of assessments in the city.

## ABANDONED CHRISTMAS BABY "FINE"---WOMEN ENTER NOT GUILTY PLEA

"Oh, he's fine," came the cheerful  
response from the Bismarck hospital  
this morning in answer to an inquiry  
as to the condition of the "abandoned  
Christmas baby," left on the back  
porch of the George Will home, 323  
Third street, Monday night.

Rumors gained circulation last eve-  
ning and again this morning that sev-  
eral wanted to adopt blue-eyed, sev-  
eral little Paul Raymond. War-  
names mentioned were communicated  
with over telephone. The stories then  
lost their value.

Shortly after 9 o'clock this morn-  
ing, Mrs. Helen Ward, mother of the  
three-weeks old infant, and Mrs. Mar-  
garet Garman, the woman's sister,  
were led into the chambers of the dis-  
trict court by Sheriff French and both  
entered a plea of not guilty through  
their attorney, A. T. Faber of Glen  
Ullin, N. D., to the abandonment of  
the child on the evening of December  
18.

The case will be tried some time in  
January, the present term being con-  
tinued over until January 16.

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## Christmas Minus Salary At Capitol

Official Payroll Held Up Pending

Settlement of Judges'

Dispute

"KANGAROO COURT" HAS

NO AUTHORITY, T. M. R.

Attorney for Justices-welcomed War-

Auditor and Treasurer Not

To Pay

There was no pay-day at the capitol  
today for any elective officials from  
the governor down, and including all  
of the eight members of the supreme  
court.

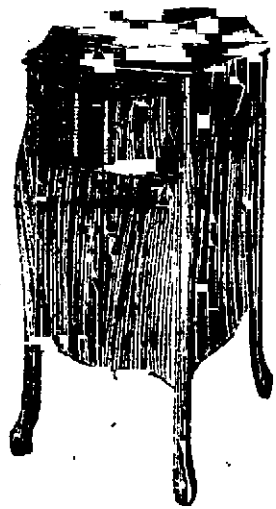
Notices have been served on the  
state treasurer and the state auditor  
by Attorney William Lemke, repre-  
senting the justices elect, warning  
them to issue no warrants and pay no  
salaries to the three retiring supreme  
court judges. Mr. Lemke styles the  
provisional supreme tribunal a "kan-  
garoo court," and states that its mem-  
bers possessed no more authority than  
"any other four men who might have  
been picked up on the street."

Trouble Anticipated.  
Anticipating some action of this na-  
ture, Auditor Jorgenson at the last  
meeting of the auditing board, sug-  
gested that a resolution be adopted in-  
structing him to issue warrants for all  
elective officers except the retiring  
members of the supreme court. This  
action was not taken, and as a result,  
operating under the rule which al-  
ways has obtained of considering the  
official payroll in a lump, the state  
auditor before leaving Sunday for  
Fargo instructed Deputy Edwards to  
hold up the entire payroll until his re-  
turn next Saturday.

The elective officers Governor  
Hanna, Secretary of State Hall, com-  
missioners of agriculture, Flint, of in-  
surance, W. Taylor, of railroads,  
Stuttman, Mann and Anderson,  
Superintendent of Public Instruction  
B. J. Taylor, State Auditor Jorgenson  
and State Treasurer Steen may get  
their December pay before Christmas,  
but there is a very healthy chance  
that they will not.

To Hold Up All Warrants.  
State Treasurer John Steen is out  
of the city. It is understood, however,  
that he will adopt the policy of refus-  
ing to pay any one of the six justices,  
elect and retiring, whose terms of of-  
fice now are in dispute until he is or-  
dered by some competent authority to  
pay and is told whom to pay.

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Victrola X  
\$75.00

# IN THE NICK OF TIME!!

Just as we sold out of the popular Victrola X, the favorite \$75.00 style, we received an 11th hour shipment of this size instrument.

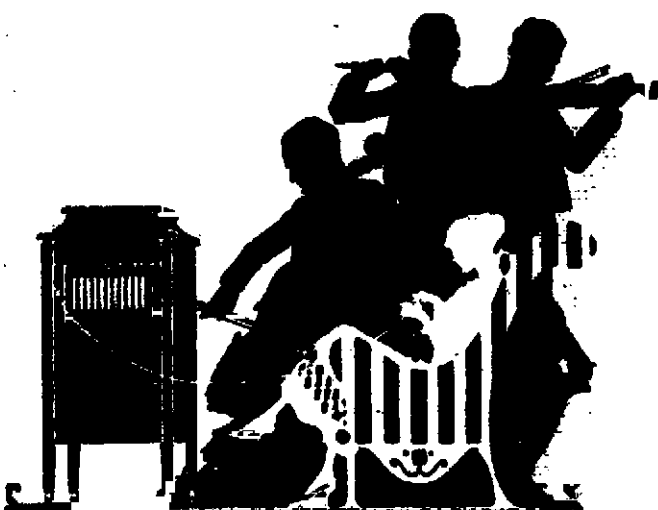
This shipment consists of 17 machines in the popular finishes; Mahogany, English Brown, Fumed Oak and Golden Oak. These are ready for Christmas Delivery while they last.

SELECT YOUR XMAS VICTROLA TODAY

HOSKINS

EASY TERMS IF DESIRED

BISMARCK



## The AEOLIAN VOCALION

**N**OW we want your opinion of the Vocalion. Nine out of ten who have heard the Vocalion say it is the finest in tone the gentlest phonograph. What do you say? Vocalion demonstrations all the afternoon every day.

A special factory representative will be at the store tomorrow afternoon to give demonstrations of these machines.

Everyone is invited to come in. Your presence here will in no way obligate you to purchase one of these machines. We just want you to hear them.

**Cowan's Drug Store**  
123 4th St.

### ORPHAN

When William A. Brady announced his decision to take charge of the production end of the world Film Corporation, and not put his name on a feature unless it really was a feature, very few people versed in the theatrical business, figured that this leading light of stagecraft would plunge right into the work and devote his time and energy to pictures. Nevertheless, that is just what Mr. Brady has done. Every day in the week, and sometimes Sundays, William A. Brady is in the World Film Studios, coat and hat off, working as hard as any director, player or scene shifter. William A. Brady has promised to give the photoplay world better motion pictures, and he

is going to do just that thing. One of his latest personally supervised releases is "The Rail Rider," with House Peters and Zena Keefe, directed by Maurice Tourneur. It is a great improvement over many past releases, and is on a par with "The Closed Road," "La vie de Boheme," and other Brady-Made subjects. It will be shown at the Orpheum theater tonight only.

### GRAIN DEALER DEAD.

G. W. Gentz, aged 56, prominent grain dealer of Underwood, died last evening at 8 o'clock in one of the local hospitals, where he had been for the last 14 days undergoing treatment. He was born in Wisconsin, but had made North Dakota his home for a

## "The Common Law" at Auditorium Tonight



"The Common Law," in which Miss Clara Kimball Young, surrounded by a cast of exceptional brilliance, will be seen, opens a two-night engagement at the Bismarck Auditorium this evening, with an advance sale which at noon today augured a packed house for the initial production in Bismarck. Director General Albert Capellani of the Clara Kimball Young Film corporation, has screened the novel in six parts. The production is said to be magnificent in every respect.

number of years. The widow and several children survive. The body will be shipped from the Webb Brothers funeral parlors tonight on No. 2 to Minnesota Lake, Minn., where funeral services will be held and interment made.

### BODY TO TEELE.

The body of Peter D. Morton of Willard, Mont., will be taken from the Webb Brothers funeral parlors to Steele tomorrow on No. 4, where funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. The body will be accompanied by the wife, Mrs. Morton, the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Morton of Steele, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Thompson of Third street, the latter a sister of the deceased. Mr. Morton died Tuesday morning in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

## LANGER CLOSES HIS SUCCESSFUL CAREER WITH A CONVICTION

Attorney-General elect Prosecuted Last Criminal Case in Local Court

William Langer, attorney general elect, closed his career as state's attorney for Morton county yesterday, when he prosecuted his last criminal case in the Burleigh county district court. Langer finished as he started, by winning a conviction. As state's attorney he has made a state-wide reputation and has a record of having won a great majority of all the cases which he prosecuted.

Next week Mr. Langer moves his bachelor quarters to Bismarck. He is the third eligible in the new list of state officials, the others being John Steen, state treasurer, and S. A. Olness, commissioner of insurance. The new attorney general will be succeeded as state's attorney of Morton county by Col. J. N. Steen. His private law practice will be looked after by his partner, Judge S. L. Nichols. His first assistant in the office of attorney general will be H. A. Bronson, formerly of the university law school at Grand Forks, and for several seasons a member of the state senate.

### Additional Society News

**To Hold Business Meeting.** A business meeting of the general Ladies' Aid society of the McCabe Methodist Episcopal church will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. George E. Wallace at her home in Avenue B.

**To Winter in New York.** Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brainard of Hebron are guests in the city today, stopping here enroute to New York City, where they will spend the winter. While here they are guests at the Grand Pacific.

**BASKETBALL GAME THURSDAY.** Basketball fans are looking forward to the game between the Mandan high and the local high teams Thursday evening, in the Bismarck high school gymnasium. The game will be called at 8:30. Mr. Robinson and Irving Vivian will be the referees.

**TO DEMONSTRATE.** A factory representative of the Aeolian-Vocalion will be at the Cowan Drug store Thursday afternoon and evening. He will give a special program which will include many of the finest records of this company. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public.

## Custom Tailoring

The Spring Patterns are now in, why not select the goods now for your Spring Suit and we will make it up and deliver it any time after Jan. 1st to June 1st. You will see no better or larger stock of woollens to select from in the large cities. We guarantee perfect fit and absolute satisfaction in every way or your money back.

Suits and Overcoats from \$35 to \$75.

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We have just received a full line of Pique Kid Gloves with fancy back in all shades. They are the finest to be had. Ask for them at our glove counter a pair, \$2.50 to \$3.00

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Guaranteed Silk Hosiery in black and colors. Fancy Garter Stitches for evening wear to match all high shades. At our hosiery counter, a pair,

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For the Last Three Days at

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## Specials for Christmas

Silk and Cashmere Mufflers  
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Silk Suspenders in fancy boxes  
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Kid Mittens, silk and lambskin lined  
Cuff Buttons and Watch Fobs  
Large Variety of Holiday Neckwear  
Combination Sets Suspenders, Necktie, Arm Bands, etc.  
Bath Robes in a variety of qualities and colors  
Men's Fancy Slippers  
Dress Shirts  
Fancy Half Hose, silk and lisle  
White and Fancy Vests in a variety of color mixtures  
Dressy Cloth Caps

The above are only a few of a large variety of useful articles we have on display suitable for holiday gifts. Many of these Special Christmas Articles are packed in Holiday Boxes, and all of them are very reasonably priced.

# C. M. DAHL

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MAIN STREET

BISMARCK  
NORTH DAKOTA



## SLOW WORK TO SECURE JURY

Several Special Venires Examined in Case of State Against Starkweather

Mandan, Dec. 20. Work of completing a jury to try W. C. Starkweather, who is charged with the murder of William Osterman on the Jack Crowley ranch, north of Hebron, May 22, 1916, consumed most of today. More than 40 men have been examined. Four special venires have been exhausted.

The state has summoned the following witnesses: John Crowley, P. J. Costello, Edmond Scharf, Charles Blair, John Link, H. C. Loy, Ed Schaffer, Joseph Maxie, R. E. Stari, O. W. McMann, William Haevischer, Ed Ward of Fort Rice, G. McLaughlin of Golden Valley.

John Osterman, father of the victim of the murder, arrived in the city the first of the week. He resides at Hancock, Minn. Mrs. Starkweather, who will be an important witness in the trial, is a patient at the Mandan hospital. Her mother has been at her bedside since she gave birth to a child a few weeks ago.

The state is represented by John Cass, state's attorney of Mercer county. He is assisted by H. L. Berry of Stanton and S. L. Nichols of Mandan. John F. Sullivan, Mandan, and S. P. Halpern of Hebron appear for the defense.

There will be night sessions of the court. All jurymen summoned and not tied up on the case have been excused until Jan. 3, 1917.

## SALARY ACT IS EFFECTIVE JAN. 1

County officers the state over are anxious to know whether the new plan of basing salaries on population rather than upon assessed valuation is to become effective January 1. The last legislative assembly adopted a bill changing the basis of paying county officials, and making the new plan, basing salaries on population, effective Jan. 1, 1917. At the same session a law was enacted limiting the increase of tax levy and salaries, and providing that no salaries should be increased prior to July 1, 1917, beyond

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You Can Now Do Your Own Cooking, Sample Each Dish and Still Have a Keen, Healthy, Appetite.

Try Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets Free. If you enjoy preparing a luncheon or an attractive dinner, but the odor of cooking-palls on you, take one of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after your next meal and if you are given to belching, sour risings, fermentation, Beauty and Good Digestion Go Hand



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F. A. Stuart Co., 242 Stuart Building, Marshall, Mich., send me at once a free trial package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.  
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Street .....  
City ..... State .....

## "IN A BAD WAY"

Many a Bismarck Reader Will Feel Grateful For This Information. If your back gives out; Becomes lame, weak or aching; If urinary troubles set in, Perhaps your kidneys are "in a bad way."

Doan's Kidney Pills are for weak kidneys.

Local evidence proves their merit. Mrs. James Aisbury, 911 Sweet St. Bismarck, says: "My back bothered me for several years. At times I was so lame and sore that I could hardly bend and on straightening sharp pains would dart through my kidneys. At night, my limbs ached so severely that I couldn't sleep well and I was tired when I got up in the morning. Four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at the Lenhart Drug Co., entirely rid me of kidney complaint. I am now in good health."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy get Doan's Kidney Pills the same that Mrs. Aisbury had. Foster-Milburn Co. Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

the amount now authorized on the basis of assessed valuation for 1914. There would appear to be a conflict between the two acts, one enabling counties to increase salaries on a population basis January 1, while the other prohibits such increase until July 1.

Stark Gets Opinion.

In Stark county, basing salaries on population will result in an increase for all county officials. In order to set at rest questions as to when these new salaries shall begin, State Attorney H. A. Burgeson has written Attorney General Linde for an opinion, and the latter has replied:

"In your letter you seem to assume there is a conflict between section 2 of chapter 254 of the 1915 session laws and section 8 of chapter 112. A close examination of the language used in these two sections might indicate an apparent conflict, but if both sections are read together it would seem that there is in fact no conflict."

"It is my opinion, therefore, that your county would be justified, as a matter of law, to fix the salaries of your county officers on a population basis as provided by chapter 112, after January 1, 1917."

## 10 SUI RURY FOR \$640 ON POOL REPORT

(Special to the Tribune.)

Mott, N. D., Dec. 20. T. H. Poole, certified public accountant, employed by Hettinger county commissioners to check up the county officers, made a preliminary report yesterday to the board covering his investigations into the county auditor's office for the years 1907 to 1911, inclusive, while office was held by Robert D. Berry, former auditor and recently deputy state bank examiner and now auditor of the new county of Grant.

Mr. Poole's report deals with the question of fees collected during the period mentioned. It is alleged in the report that fees to the extent of \$640 were collected but not turned into the county coffers. Mr. Poole cited the law of the state and decisions affecting these transactions.

He also found in his report that there was no record in the official bond register of Mr. Berry's bond and none was recorded in the register of deeds' office, as required by law.

Search for the bond failed to disclose its presence among the official records of the county.

The board, members of which were recently ousted by Governor Hanna, directed the states attorney to proceed against Berry for fees that it is alleged he failed to turn in to the county treasury.

Mr. Poole is under contract with the board to make a thorough examination of all offices and will report from time to time.

## IN THAT COOL OF SUMMER TIME, FAR, FAR AWAY

SHAKESPARE

Just a reminder that we repair, clean and press fur coats, overcoats and suits. Everything returned but the dirt.

KLEIN, Tailor and Cleaner.

## Three More

That's all-the shopping-days-now 'till-Christmas-so-let's get busy.

We hardly dared hope for the fine business we are having but we think the reason is mostly because we are combining QUALITY and FAIR PRICES.

BONIHAM BROTHERS

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## For Christmas And All Holiday Week

Your Christmas table would not be complete without a generous bowl of these cheerful, jolly, bright, California oranges.

The organic salts and acids of the orange are an excellent aid to digestion, so the eating of plenty of oranges is particularly desirable at holiday time when one is liable to overeat of other foods.

Put Sunkist oranges in the stockings and keep a liberal supply on hand for the children.

Sunkist oranges are shipped fresh to your local stores. Order today of your dealer buy them by the box. Uniformly good oranges such as Sunkist will keep.

The retailers whose ads appear below are making a specialty of Sunkist Oranges.

California Fruit Growers Exchange  
A Co-operative Non-Profit Organization of 8,000 Growers  
Los Angeles, California

## "Oranges for Health" Sunkist Uniformly Good Oranges

Do Your Christmas Shopping Thursday and Friday as Saturday will be a busy day

By so doing you will avoid any inconvenience of the rush and will have your choice of the good things for Christmas.

We have a very choice line of Vegetables, Fruit, Turkeys, Chickens, Meats and Oysters.

## Sunkist Oranges and Lemons

## Brown & Jones

"The Satisfaction Store"

## The McConkey Co.

Quotes prices as follows:

Sunkist Oranges and Lemons.

Fancy Full Cream Cheese

per pound ..... 30c  
6 Packages Hippie Washing Powder ..... 25c  
3 1-2 pounds Sweet Potatoes ..... 25c  
Fancy Lemons, per dozen ..... 30c  
Fancy Bananas, per dozen ..... 30c  
Kellogg's Individual Corn Flakes, 3 for ..... 5c  
No. 3 size Sour Kraut, each 15c

No. 2 size Iowa Corn, 2 for ..... 25c  
No. 2 size, New York Corn ..... 15c  
No. 2 size Maine Corn, 2 for ..... 35c  
Best Boneless Codfish, each ..... 25c  
Fancy Yellow Onions, 4 pounds for ..... 25c  
Sweet Apple Cider, per gallon ..... 50c  
One box Little Billy Cigars ..... \$1.00  
One pound jar Prince Albert Tobacco ..... 00c  
White Clover Honey, per comb ..... 20c  
PHONE 208

## Logan's--- "We Thank You"

We have a nice complete line of Fancy Sunkist Lemons and Oranges in all sizes at reasonable prices, besides

Mixed Nuts, per pound ..... 20c  
Old Time Mixed Candy, 2 pounds for ..... 25c  
Cranberries, 2 pounds for ..... 25c  
Fruit-nut mixes, 2 packages for ..... 25c  
Large fancy Celery, 2 for ..... 25c  
Holly Wreaths, each ..... 20c

Include a box of either Fancy Delicious or Baldwin

Apples for Christmas, per box ..... \$1.90

Permit us to suggest that orders are given early thereby insuring you better choice and service.

PHONE 211

120 3rd St.

## Order Now

## For Christmas Sunkist Oranges and Lemons

Send us your orders now for Christmas goods. Have your Fruits, Nuts and Candies sent up now. Better select your Christmas trees and Holly Wreaths, now!

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LOCAL WEATHER BULLETIN.  
For the 24 hours ending at 12 noon,  
December 20, 1918:  
Temperature at 7 a. m. .... -39  
Temperature at 12 noon ..... -25  
Highest yesterday ..... -18  
Lowest today ..... -42  
Precipitation ..... None  
Highest wind velocity ..... 12-N  
Forecast:  
For North Dakota: Fair tonight,  
becoming probably unsettled Thurs-  
day; continued cold.

ORRIS W. ROBERTS,  
Meteorologist.  
Temperature  
Calgary ..... 8  
Chicago ..... 6  
Galveston ..... 62  
Havre ..... No report  
Helena ..... 14  
Kansas City ..... 2  
Miles City ..... 18  
Moorhead ..... 28  
Pierre ..... 24  
Prince Albert ..... 30  
St. Paul ..... 22  
Williston ..... 32  
Winnipeg ..... 28  
Swift Current ..... 16

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Let your light so shine be-  
fore men, that they may see  
your good works, and glorify  
your Father which is in heav-  
en. Jesus of Nazareth.  
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CITY ASSESSOR.  
Bismarck is now in line with pro-  
gressive cities of its size through the  
action of the city commission last  
evening in appointing a city assessor  
who will devote all his time to the du-  
ties of that important office.  
It has been the experience of other  
cities, that a trained assessor giving  
all his time to valuations saves the  
municipality several times his salary  
each year, besides presenting a bet-  
ter and more equitable tax list for the  
consideration of the city board of  
equalization.  
Mr. Morris has made the annual as-  
sessment in this community for years  
and has always filled a difficult po-  
sition with tact and to the general sat-  
isfaction of tax payers.  
The city commission is to be com-  
mended in taking the step. Fargo,  
Grand Forks and Minot have had city  
assessors for several years and re-  
ports from those cities show that the  
plan is a paying proposition.

During the fiscal year, Uncle Sam  
took in more gold than the entire  
world produced in 1915, over \$600,-  
000,000. Quite a temptation to bur-  
glars.

LEAVES DOOR OPEN.  
Lloyd George's answer to Germany's  
overture is not a flat refusal of the  
peace offer. It merely opens the way  
for Germany to state terms upon  
which the Allies can see their way  
clear to enter into negotiations.  
It is encouraging that the Entente  
Powers have decided to send a joint  
note, expressing its views. This may  
mean that peace is much nearer than  
present surface conditions indicate.  
The new premier has handled the  
situation discreetly. Like the Ger-  
man chancellor, he had well in mind  
the fact that the neutrals are a unit  
for peace.  
This Christmas season is brighten-  
ed by stronger hopes of peace than a  
year ago. The mere fact that the  
governing bodies are formally discuss-  
ing a possible basis upon which to  
end the terrible war is much to be  
thankful for.  
Just how sincere the deliberations  
are will be indicated ere long. Prob-  
ably much that is spoken both in Eng-  
land and Germany, is for home con-  
sumption.  
For obvious reasons, there can be  
no armistice. England would not con-  
sent to lift the blockade of German  
ports even pending peace conferences.  
The Central Powers would also op-  
pose a cessation of hostilities that  
might permit the Allies to recoup in

the Balkans and at other points where  
the Germans have been pounding  
them successfully.  
All who hit Billy Sunday's sawdust  
trail evidently did not believe in a  
dry Boston.  
WHEAT MARKET  
NERVOUS TODAY

July Drops Off More Than Two  
Cents When Trading Opens  
Today  
(Associated Press)  
Chicago, Dec. 20. The wheat mar-  
ket opened nervous today. Wheat  
for May delivery, which closed at  
\$1.64 1/2 to \$1.65 1/2 yesterday, touched  
\$1.62 1/2 in the last few minutes of  
trading. July dropped to \$1.35, a de-  
cline of 2 1/2 c to 2 3/4 c.  
Signs that European governments  
were purchasing future deliveries of  
wheat, led at one time to a rather  
sharp upturn in prices, but for the  
most part the course of values was  
downward. Prices closed on wheat  
at the same as yesterday's finish to  
4 1/2 c lower, with May at \$1.61 1/2 to  
\$1.62, and July \$1.35 1/2 to \$1.35 3/4.  
The grain exchange was divided to-  
day upon the significance of Lloyd  
George's speech in the British house  
of commons and as a result the mar-  
ket showed limited changes today.  
December sold at \$1.55, up 1 1/2, and 2  
below yesterday's close. May sold at  
\$1.64 1/2, down 1/2 below the opening.  
Corn was lower; oats irregular, with  
provisions steady.

GRAIN MARKETS  
DULUTH.  
December ..... 167 1/2  
May ..... 169 1/2  
July ..... 164 1/2  
No. 1 Hard on trk ..... 168 1/2  
No. 1 Northern on trk ..... 167 1/2  
No. 2 Northern on trk ..... 159 1/2 @ 154 1/2  
No. 3 Northern on trk ..... 139 1/2 @ 159 1/2  
No. 1 Northern to arr ..... 167 1/2  
No. 2 Mont. Hard on trk ..... 162 1/2  
No. 2 Mont. Hard to arr ..... 162 1/2  
No. 1 Spot Durum ..... 189 1/2 @ 174 1/2  
No. 2 Spot Durum ..... 161 1/2 @ 166 1/2  
No. 1 Durum to arr ..... 169 1/2 @ 171 1/2  
December ..... 189 1/2  
May ..... 171 1/2  
Oats on trk and to arr ..... 45 1/2  
Rye on trk ..... 128 @ 130  
Rye to arr ..... 130  
Barley on trk ..... 70  
Flax on trk and to arr ..... 285 1/2  
Choice Flax on trk ..... 285  
December ..... 283  
May ..... 288 1/2  
High May ..... 174 1/2  
Low ..... 168 1/2  
Close 1:48 p. m.

MINNEAPOLIS.  
No. 1 Hard ..... 169 1/2 @ 174 1/2  
No. 1 Northern ..... 166 1/2 @ 169 1/2  
No. 1 Nor. Choice ..... 172 1/2  
No. 1 Nor. to arr ..... 163 1/2 @ 168 1/2  
Choice to arr ..... 170 1/2  
No. 2 Northern ..... 161 1/2 @ 167 1/2  
No. 3 Wheat ..... 149 1/2 @ 164 1/2  
No. 2 Mont. Hard ..... 161 1/2 @ 164 1/2  
No. 1 Durum ..... 167 1/2  
No. 1 Dur. Choice ..... 171 1/2  
No. 1 Dur. to arr ..... 168 1/2  
No. 1 Dur. Choice to arr ..... 171 1/2  
No. 2 Durum ..... 161 1/2 @ 166 1/2  
No. 3 Yellow Corn ..... 85 1/2 @ 86 1/2  
No. 3 Yellow Corn to arr ..... 85 1/2  
Other Grades Corn ..... 75 @ 84  
No. 4 Yellow Corn to arr ..... 83 1/2  
No. 2 Mont. White Oats ..... 49 1/2 @ 51 1/2  
No. 3 White Oats ..... 46 1/2 @ 46 3/4  
No. 3 White Oats to arr ..... 46 1/2  
No. 4 White Oats ..... 45 @ 45 1/2  
Barley ..... 78 @ 102  
Barley Choice ..... 102 @ 111 1/2  
Rye ..... 129 @ 130  
Rye to arr ..... 129 @ 130  
Flax ..... 280 1/2 @ 285 1/2  
Flax to arr ..... 280 1/2 @ 285 1/2  
December ..... 166 1/2  
May ..... 169 1/2 @ 174 1/2  
July ..... 164 1/2  
Close 1:43 p. m.

MARKET FIRM  
ON OPENING  
Slight Flurry, However, on Ship-  
ping Shares Owing to  
Uneasiness  
(Associated Press)  
New York, Dec. 30. Firmness ruled  
at the opening of today's stock market  
with gains of a fraction to a point in  
leading issues. The only noteworthy  
exception to this trend was manifest-  
ed by shipping shares, mercantile mar-  
ine, preferred and common, losing 2 1/4  
to 1 1/4, respectively, on intimation that

the British government is to exercise  
more rigid control over that industry

RAID BY BEARS.  
(By United Press.)  
New York, Dec. 20. Bears raided  
the Stock Exchange at the closing  
hours today, sending stocks down from  
2 to 12 points. United States Steel  
broke to 108 1/4 under the avalanche  
of selling, after attaining a high re-  
cord today of 113.

CATTLE MARKETS  
ST. PAUL.  
HOGS Receipts, 11,300. Market,  
steady. Range, \$9.25 to \$9.75; bulk,  
\$9.60 to \$9.70.  
CATTLE Receipts, 2,500. Killers,  
steady. Steers, \$4.25 to \$10.25; cows  
and heifers, \$4.75 to \$7.50; calves, 25c  
lower, at \$4.25 to \$10.75; stockers and  
feeders, quiet and lower for the week,  
at \$2.50 to \$7.75.  
SHEEP Receipts, 5,000. Market,  
steady. Lambs, \$7.00 to \$12.25; wel-  
shers, \$6.00 to \$9.00; ewes, \$5.50 to \$8.50.

CHICAGO.  
HOGS Receipts, 38,000. Market,  
strong. Euls, \$9.80 to \$10.15; light,  
\$9.30 to \$10.05; mixed, \$9.55 to \$10.25;  
heavy, \$9.75 to \$10.30; rough, \$9.75 to  
\$9.90; pigs, \$7.50 to \$9.25.  
CATTLE Receipts, 19,000. Market,  
steady. Native beef steers, \$7.00 to  
\$11.00; western steers, \$7.00 to \$11.00;  
stockers and feeders, \$5.00 to \$8.00;  
cows and heifers, \$3.85 to \$9.00.  
SHEEP Receipts, 17,000. Market,  
steady. Wethers, \$8.85 to \$9.80; lambs,  
\$11.00 to \$13.00.

LOW RECORD TEMPER-  
ATURE FOR MONTH  
(Continued from Page One)  
States government from its weather  
stations at 8 o'clock this morning met  
with failure in the Missouri and Mis-  
sissippi valleys today because of the crippled  
wire services. Wires are reported  
snapped throughout the Canadian  
northwest and the northwest central  
portion of the United States. The ex-  
tent of the cold wave which gripped  
this section of the state late Sunday  
will not be known until the official ob-  
servations are taken today. Up to the  
noon hour they had not been made.  
Whistle to Warn Parents.  
Forecaster Roberts made arrange-  
ments this morning with E. A. Hughes  
of the Hughes Electric company that  
on exceptionally cold mornings two  
long blasts of the whistle at the plan-  
et be blown at 8 o'clock. This will allow  
parents of children to take extra pre-  
cautions in wrapping the children well  
before starting them off to school.  
Superintendent Martin of the city  
schools has reported several instances  
where faces, ears and fingers of little  
children have been frost bitten during  
the recent cold spell.

Continued Cold Tonight.  
Little relief from the cold is prom-  
ised in the forecast sent out by the  
weather bureau at noon today, which  
calls for fair weather tonight, becom-  
ing probably unsettled Thursday, and  
continued cold. The high pressure  
and low temperature overlie the Da-  
kotas, Manitoba and also the eastern  
coast. The low pressure covers the  
entire south.  
Rise 17 Degrees in 4 Hours.  
Bismarck, with a temperature of 39  
degrees below last night, was the  
coldest spot on the weather map, ac-  
cording to the weather bulletin. How-  
ever, the thermometer dropped 3 de-  
grees further, when at 8 o'clock it  
registered 42 below. A rise of 17 de-  
grees in four hours was noted during  
the hour, the reading at noon being  
25.  
32 Below at Williston.  
The lowest last night at Williston

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**CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG**  
IN  
**THE COMMON LAW**  
The Picture that is the Talk of the Motion  
Picture World.  
At the  
**AUDITORIUM**  
TONIGHT AND TOMORROW  
A CORRECTION  
The dates of "Civilization" are Jan-  
uary 1 and 2, and not January 21, as  
stated in a display advertisement yes-  
terday, through transposition of type.  
RUSSIANS GAIN.  
(Associated Press)  
Petrograd, Dec. 20. Russian troops  
operating in the region of the river  
Bystritsa in Galicia, says the Russian  
official statement issued today, broke  
through the barbed wire entangle-  
ments in front of the Austro-German  
advance posts yesterday and penet-  
rated into Bohorodczany Star, south-  
west of Stanislaw. The Teutons are  
said to have fled in disorder, leaving  
some prisoners in the hands of the  
Russians.  
ORDER NOW FOR CHRISTMAS.  
Evergreen and holly wreaths, holly,  
mistletoe and wreathing, potted pri-  
mroses, cyclamen, narcissus, begonias,  
geraniums, etc. Phone 163, Willis  
Seed Store. 12-20-31  
ADMISSION  
any Seat in this  
House  
25c  
YOUR XMAS  
should be spotless and pressed. See  
KLEIN,  
12-20-31 Tailor and Cleaner.  
TOO LAZY TO CLASSIFY  
FOR RENT Splendid, warm, mod-  
ern rooms for light housekeeping;  
622 Third street. 12-20-31  
WANTED Roomers and boarders, at  
208 Thayer; close in. Phone 339K.  
12-20-1-d  
FOR SALE One electric washing  
machine; 208 Thayer. Phone 339K.  
12-20-31  
WANTED Competent girl for gener-  
al housework. Phone 516, or 924  
Star. 5-17  
FOR SALE One singer sewing ma-  
chine, walnut case, new; one library  
table, turned oak. Call 592K.  
12-20-2t  
FOR RENT One room in modern  
house. Phone 354K. 12-20-31

Among the Many Desirable  
Presents in Our  
**SHOE DEPARTMENT**  
is the CARRIAGE BOOT  
OF VELVET TRIMMING WITH FUR LINING SOLE.  
Also a large line of Comfy Slippers to select from for every  
member of the family.  
**A. W. Lucas Co.**  
Shoe Department

Suffered for Seven Years  
"Peruna Cured Me"  
Had  
Catarrh  
of Head  
Nose  
Throat  
and  
Stomach  
I suffered with catarrh for seven  
years; catarrh of the head, nose and  
throat, and stomach. Peruna cured  
me. I followed your advice and I used  
three bottles of Peruna in three weeks  
and now my trouble is all over. I will  
never be without Peruna in my house.  
I can heartily recommend Peruna as a  
catarrh remedy. I am pleased to make  
public the good that Peruna has done  
me.  
In a later letter Mr. Rossi writes:  
"I will never be without Peruna in  
my house. We use it whenever any  
of the family have a slight cold, and  
find it of constant service. Peruna has  
many times saved one of my little  
boys from serious sickness."  
Those who object to liquid medi-  
cines can now procure Peruna Tab-  
lets.

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The tale of the woman who kills herself for love. This is the theme of  
Shakespeare's Immortal Masterpiece  
**"ROMEO AND JULIET"**  
FEATURING  
**Theda Bara and Harry Hilliard**  
Supported by a cast of 3000 people. Theda Bara says Juliet is the best  
thing she has ever done.  
7 Acts of the most wonderful pictures shown in Bismarck  
for a long time  
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Matinee, Orpheum, 3:30 5 & 15c Eve. 10 & 20c THEATRE



# SOCIETY

## Junior Class Announces Christmas Program

The junior class of the high school will present the Christmas entertainment and have arranged an entertainment program for Friday afternoon. They will give Kate Douglas Wiggin's "Bird's Christmas Carol" as the chief attraction. Other special features will be the playing of the high school orchestra under the direction of Miss Clara Tatley, director of music, a vocal solo by Ruth Erlenneyer, a piano solo by Miss Blanche Myers, and a reading by Rev. Bruce E. Jackson. A general invitation is extended to all those interested in the school. The program will begin at 2 o'clock and is as follows:

Orchestra Number ..... Selected  
Vocal Solo ..... "Holy Night"  
Ruth Erlenneyer.  
Reading ..... Selected  
Rev. Jackson.

Piano Solo "Enroute" ..... Godard  
Blanche Myers.  
Play Bird's Christmas Carol Wiggin  
Cast:  
Mrs. Ruggles ..... Edna Wachal  
Sarah Maud ..... Sarah Stetson  
Cornelia ..... Edwin Carlson  
Peter ..... Lucile Allen  
Kitty ..... Hugh Spangler  
Susan ..... Marjorie Best  
Ellie ..... Dorothy Moore  
Larry ..... Mary Murray  
Selection by Orchestra.  
To Spend Christmas Here.  
Philip and Oliver Webb, students at Campion college, Erie, Pa., will arrive in the city Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Webb, Sr., of Fourth street.  
Church Society Meeting.  
Members of St. Mary's Sewing circle of St. Mary's church will meet Thursday afternoon in the Knights of Columbus hall. A number of important matters will be considered.  
To Visit Father.  
Miss Tressa Henry of the state capital force will leave Saturday for Valley City, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her father, A. J. Henry. Miss Henry expects to visit her sister in Fargo, before returning to the Capital City.  
Spending Holidays Here.  
Mrs. Mary Lewis, who has been visiting her son, Clark Lewis, of Osage, Ia., and her daughter, Mrs. G. J. Jacobson, of St. Paul, arrived in the city Monday night to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Geisemann, of Second street.  
Birth of Son.  
Announcement is made of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCusker of Braddock, Tuesday in the St. Alexius hospital. Mrs. McCusker was formerly Miss Grace McHugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McHugh, of Seventh street. They are getting along nicely.  
To Return From School.  
The Misses Margaret Welch and Althea Spear, students at the North Dakota university, Grand Forks, will arrive home Thursday for the Christmas holidays. Miss Welch will be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Welch, of Fourth street, and Miss Spear of her father, W. H. Spear, of Fifth street.  
Class to Sell Candy.  
Girls of the domestic science class of the high school building have placed on sale in the office of the high school, 50 pounds of Christmas candy. It will be sold in handsome one-pound boxes and is of very fine grade. All the favorite kinds will be on sale, including the salted nuts, stuffed dates, fudge, etc. The girls are anxious to dispose of all of it before school closes Friday afternoon. The girls of the seventh grade have made a number of pretty aprons, caisses and gowns, which they will give their mothers for Christmas. The work of the domestic science room has been

## "DOT" RUSSELL MAY LOSE FOOT BY FALL



The stage may lose "Dot" Russell, daughter of Lillian Russell, if surgeons in a Pittsburg hospital find her foot is crushed seriously enough to cause amputation. The actress walked out of a window in her sleep.

greatly improved by the addition of five gas plates.

School Entertainment.  
St. Mary's school will observe the annual Christmas program Thursday afternoon. Each room has arranged a special program of Christmas songs and recitations which will be presented by the pupils. A Christmas tree will adorn each room and individual gifts will be given the children. The out-of-town pupils will leave Friday for their respective homes.

Teachers Leave for Homes.  
Announcement is made that teachers who will leave Friday evening to spend the Christmas holidays are Miss Harriet Spillane, who goes to Balford; Miss Frances Lamb to Moorhead; Miss Lulu Mellen, Miss Nana Wigforsa to Minneapolis; Miss Josephine Hanel to Grafton; Miss Minnie Kohler to Fargo; Miss Elsie to Red Wing, Minn.; Miss Marshall to Mandan. C. F. Bolt, principal of the high school, Miss Katherine Densford, Miss Mary Hickley, W. J. Freed and Roy H. Neff will remain in the city.

Camp Fire Christmas Party.  
The Tintapa Camp Fire girls will give a Christmas party Friday evening in the Presbyterian church chapel. Those in charge of the arrangements will be the Misses Margaret Lyons, Thelma Herndon and Lucille Jahr. An interesting program of amusements has been prepared and a miniature Christmas tree will center the luncheon table. A gift from each member will be hung on the tree which will be made festive by other yuletide decorations and will be given to the Salvation Army to be distributed to the needy children of the city. Miss Marshall will meet with the girls.

Forresters Elect Officers.  
At a meeting Monday evening of the lady Forresters the following officers were elected for the year: chief ranger, Mrs. All Barnett; vice chief ranger, Mrs. Louis Garfield; financial secretary, Mrs. Edward Schultz; recording secretary, Mrs. Charles Shevler; treasurer, Mrs. J. P. McGarvey; senior conductor, Miss Emma McGarvey; junior conductor, Mrs. T. M. Wilson; inside sentinel, Elizabeth Bleth; outside sentinel, Belle Olson; trustees, Mrs. W. J. Empting, Mrs. Thomas Sheehan and Mrs. B. O'Reilly. Mrs. F. E. Dugan was appointed delegate to represent the Forresters at their biennial convention which will be held next August in Milwaukee. Mrs. Elizabeth Geiermann was chosen alternate. Mrs. T. F. Flaherty, Mrs. Charles Scheblen and Mrs. Schultz were in charge of the arrangements.

Gives Birthday Dinner.  
Miss Lucille Jahr was hostess last evening in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Jahr, in Avenue B, to nine of her girls friends at a prettily appointed dinner in honor of her 15th birthday anniversary. The yuletide decorations featured in the appointments and a large birthday cake, ornamented with red tapers, centered the table. Following the dinner social diversions were enjoyed and the guests presented Miss Lucille with many beautiful remembrances. Covers were laid for the Misses Marjorie and Alice Webb, Agnes Parsons, Ruth Talcott, Erene Schultz, Mollie Jahr, Hazel Lenhart, Theodosia Fitch, Marian Quinn and the hostess guest.

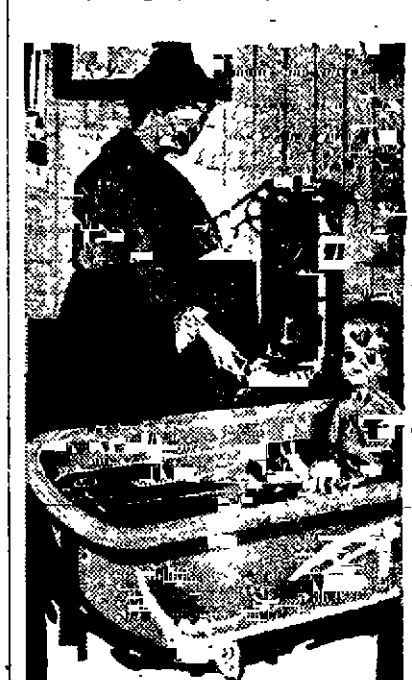
## Western Humane Society Denounces War Toys

The Western Humane society, with headquarters in Palo Alto, Cal., is sending out cards denouncing the sale of all Christmas toys pertaining to war. The society has put under the ban toy guns, soldiers, war games of all kinds, cannons and swords. It advocates the buying of dolls and animals representing people of all countries, with their gay costumes, to give the child some knowledge of other races in an endeavor to break down race prejudices. The society claims that children allowed to play war get a wrong idea of the meaning of it and it teaches them to look on it as something like a picnic, instead of its real nature. The society is making an appeal to the mothers and fathers to substitute the toys which will teach peace on earth, good will towards men for the ones which teach war on earth and hate towards men.

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There has never been anything here with the INCREDIBLE results of simple lavoptik eye wash. One man's eyes were so badly strained he could not read five minutes without pain. Two applications with lavoptik relieved him. A lady had tried three different glasses for weak, inflamed eyes. ONE lavoptik wash surprised her. We guarantee a small bottle to benefit EVERY CASE of weak, strained or inflamed eyes. ONE WASH produces incredible results. Jos. Broslow, druggist.

## CORPORATIONS TO PLAY SANTA CLAUS

Chicago, Dec. 20. Chicago's Christmas stocking will be stuffed until it almost bursts this year, judging from the unprecedented bonuses and wage increases awarded employees by stores and industrial establishments. Estimates go as high as \$20,000,000. Gifts, ranging from gold coin to



## Perfection Smokeless Oil Heater

In the fall before the furnace fire is needed in cold weather, when the furnace fails to keep the corners warm, a Perfection Heater takes the chill away and makes the whole house comfortable.

It is Odorless  
Can be regulated so the heat will radiate straight up or outward pure and sweet air. Burns kerosene cheap and always available. Any good kerosene will give satisfaction, but for best results use Perfection Oil.

It is easy to fill and regulate. 25 inches high, 12 inches in diameter finished in polished steel or blue enamel. Trimmings are nickel or black Japan. It is an ornament and in use in more than 2,000,000 homes. Price varies from \$4 to \$7.25, according to finish. Look for the triangle trade mark.

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wage increases and old age pensions, have been announced. War profits and general prosperity made it possible, business men say. Banks will give a month's pay, 10 per cent of a year's salary or wage increases. Large corporations playing Santa Claus by announcing wage increases on a big scale are:

Armour & Co., 8,000 employees, wage increase, \$1,250,000.

Swift & Co., 8,000 employees, \$1,250,000.

Morris & Co., 5,000 employees, \$750,000.

Wilson & Co., 3,500 employees, \$500,000.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., 15,000 employees, \$1,000,000.

DAILY TO LEAVE FORMAN FIELD FOR NEW PASTORATE  
Forman, N. D., Dec. 20. W. H. Daly has resigned as pastor of the Congregational church at this village, to answer a call from Crary, with a salary of \$1,400 a year. During his pastorate here improvements to the amount of \$2,500 have been made on the church building. Mrs. Daly assisted materially in the work in the field here, being ordained a minister.

## POTATOES MAKE COUNTY RICH

Houlton, Me., Dec. 20. Aroostock county today is the richest county in the United States. The northernmost county of Maine snatched the crown from Los Angeles county, Cal.

The humble potato did it.

Potatoes that sold for 75 cents a barrel a few years ago now bring \$4.75 and farmers here are holding much of their crop for \$5 a barrel. As a result of this unprecedented prosperity, Houlton is now the second richest town in the country, ranking next to Brookline, the richest in the world.

Fifty car-loads of automobiles, not fivers, are on their way here.

It is estimated that \$100,000 is coming into this county daily from the potato crop alone.

This is no real estate boom, for

you can't buy enough ground to bury a potato to its eye.

THE NEW STORE  
at  
W. A. J. J.  
is going out of business by Jan. 1, 1917 and offers its large stock of fancy work and dress at cottons at unusually low prices.  
20 per cent on all new lines.  
Crochet Cottons, any size or color ..... 50  
Cotton Perle, 25c balls ..... 25  
25c Sofa Pillows, now ..... 100  
25 per cent on all over-laces and nets.  
Embroidery floss (boil proof) ..... 25  
Richardson's Silk ..... 30  
broderie floss ..... 30  
Rope Silk ..... 30  
fine laces at below cost.



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## To The Public

Having leased the Northwest Hotel, corner Fifth and Main, opposite the McKensie Hotel, I desire to announce to the public that the house will be placed in first-class condition and be ready to receive guests by January 1, 1917. A large crew of men are now at work remodeling and repairing the interior of the hotel, and work will be rushed night and day until the building is ready for occupancy. The hotel will be equipped with forty bath rooms, and will have hot and cold running water, electric lights and steam heat in every room. It will be conducted as a first-class European hotel at moderate prices. Those desiring first-class accommodations at low rates, should make their reservations now. Address Aaron Christopher, Head Clerk, McKensie Hotel.

Edw. G. Patterson, Proprietor  
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for your girl friend 50c to \$1.00.

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All enlargements of your favorite film, artistically mounted in a calendar.  
FINNEY'S DAILY PHOTO SERVICE

## Davis Quality Greeting Cards

will care for a multitude of friends for whom nothing else is appropriate over 200 numbers to select from all new stock.

## Finney's Christmas Shopping Guide

A thoughtful gift for an elderly friend  
Finney's Guaranteed Hot Water bottle, \$1.75

Cigars, Pipes and Cigar Cases for your friends.

## Whitman's

Candles and Confections have made every Christmas merry since 1842 20c to \$5.00.

## Kent's Hair Brushes

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FANCY STATIONERY  
STATIONERY SETS  
THERMOMETERS  
PHOTO ALBUMS

### SCOOP THE GUB REPORTER

BY GOLLY T GOT I VIKYBODY  
I GGLIZED OUT ON MY XMAS  
LIST BUT THE LOSS CAME  
DI CIDE WIHUI TO  
GIVE HIM!



MAYBE A THAI TIT  
IS STAYING IN WOODS  
JH TOT WERN TO A  
PAGE OF ADS



SHUE MY TYS  
AN PUT MY TENCIL  
DOWN WIHUI VIKY  
IT THIS THAIS MY  
GUY TO THE LOSS!



TOWN LAR!  
OH MY  
#4873



BUM  
SYLLUM!



### RETIRING STATE OFFICIALS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Tell Incoming Legislature What Various Departments Need To Make Them Efficient

### CHANGES URGED IN AUTOMOBILE LAWS

The fact that department may propose but legislature disposes has not prevented various chiefs at the capitol from making the usual recommendations for legislation which they deem advisable. Perhaps the principal exception to the general rule is Secretary of State Hall.

#### Automobile Tax

It is known that a bill has been drawn embodying some of the secretary of state's views on the automobile license registration fee. The proposed act would assess machines according to horsepower, fees ranging from \$3 to \$25 and up. Machinery is also proposed for making the registration more complete, as the secretary of state estimates that at least 33 per cent of the cars now owned and operated in North Dakota escape registration under the present system. Either the duplicate tag system will be eliminated, or a requirement will be made that both tags be displayed. At present a generous auto-owner who buys two tags, as required by law, is compelled by that same law to display but one, and there is nothing in the law to prevent him from loaning his extra tag to some good friend, providing both succeed in getting away with it, and at least 15,000, it is said, do.

#### Insurance Department

Retiring Commissioner of Insurance Taylor suggests that the kibosh be applied to North Dakota's present state mail insurance law, which is very much non compos mentis, and that the state, if it really is in favor of state insurance, discover some method that will work. He would also see a re-

adjustment of state fire insurance rates and a rating system established under the direction of the commissioner somewhat similar to that employed in Minnesota. He furthermore advises a complete revision of the entire insurance code of North Dakota, which he finds antiquated and entirely inadequate to meet present conditions.

#### Legislation for Education

Only two states in the union spend more per capita for education than North Dakota. Anything which retiring Superintendent of Public Instruction E. J. Taylor may recommend in this connection is, therefore, of importance. Under the head of recommendations for legislation, Mr. Taylor lists in order:

An amendment to Section 32 and 150 of the state constitution which would make it possible to select the county and state superintendents for terms of four or more years.

Liberal state aid to consolidated schools located in rural districts.

Minimum Eight Months' Term

A minimum term of eight months in any public school in the state.

Authorization of the appointment by school boards of truant officers who may legally compel attendance at school throughout the term of all pupils of school age.

Apportionment on Attendance

Amendment of constitution to allow apportionment of state funds to be made on basis of school attendance, rather than on number of pupils of school age in district, irrespective of attendance.

Making it the duty of county boards of health to inspect school houses and buildings, with power to condemn the same; to require repairs, or, if necessary, complete reconstruction.

Medical Inspection

The provision of medical inspection for pupils at expense of school district.

Provision of permanent force of institute instructors for teachers' institutes and summer schools; meetings with school directors; rural school sessions, etc.

The creation of a bureau of statistics, within the department of edu-

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Bismarck, N. D.

cation, and in charge of a competent statistician.

#### Teachers' Qualifications

That all persons who receive certificates to teach after July 1, 1917, be required to have at least one year's work beyond the eighth grade in a regular high school; after July 1, 1918, at least two years' high school work; and after July 1, 1919, four years of high school work.

That elementary graduates of state normal schools be required to teach at least one year in rural schools of our state after graduation in consequence of their having received free tuition at the state normal schools.

#### Jorgenson's Suggestions

State Auditor Carl O. Jorgenson offers the following suggestions for needed legislation in 1917:

Laws should be enacted making it the duty of every state department to purchase its supplies and equipment through the state board of control.

Laws should be enacted making it the duty of every department or office or other state activity to purchase its printing and printed supplies through the state printing commission.

All "continuing" appropriations should be abolished, and all appropriations for every state purpose included in the biennial budget.

Payments out of appropriations in "lump sums" should be stopped in every instance.

The power of the state auditing board should be more clearly defined.

Local or institution treasurer should be abolished.

State departments should keep accurate records to show charges against their respective appropriations.

#### Educational Institutions

The repeal of the educational institutions' tax left the institutions dependent on this tax short of maintenance aid for a period of six months. The legislature in 1917 should make an appropriation to cover this period. Appropriations required for the periods and institutions name are:

University and school of mines, \$51,360.00.

Agricultural college, \$30,900.

Minor normal school, \$20,790.

Valley City normal, \$23,100.

Mayville normal, \$18,480.

School for deaf, \$9,240.

School of forestry, \$3,090.

Sillendale normal industrial, \$10,800.

Wahpeton school of science, \$8,180.

#### Legislative Expense

The auditor also calls attention of the legislature to the necessity for fixing the expense of the 1919 session for budget purposes.

Other departments have made recommendations equally important which will be treated in order.

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### WILL TAKE EIGHT YEARS TO PUT MILITIA IN SHAPE

Washington, Dec. 19. The National Guard mobilized on the Mexican border requires nearly eight years of intensive training to prepare it to meet trained troops. Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, declared today in continuing to urge a universal military service system before the senate military committee.

"Fortunately the Mexicans were untrained troops," he added, "and our purpose to protect the border was accomplished by the mere presence of our men without firing a shot. We never contemplated sending the National Guard over the border until they were trained, although we sat up until two or three o'clock every morning at the war department expecting a message saying the fight was on.

"We feel that the National Guard would have destroyed themselves in marching had they been sent through that hard country."

General Scott said there were 20,

# BASKET-BALL

Mandan High School vs. Bismarck High School

## Tomorrow Night, Dec. 21

Admission 25c and 10c

Game 8:30 Sharp

Officials--VIVIAN and ROBINSON





# WIDOW OF MURDER VICTIM FAILS TO PROCURE DAMAGES

## Supreme Court Holds Murderer Was Not Acting as Agent for His Father

Mary Ross, widow of J. F. Ross who was murdered by McAlain Cooper on the Cooper farm in Traill county, in a tragedy which attracted state wide attention at the time, cannot recover damages for the death of her husband from Harry J. Cooper, father of the murderer and joint employer of the slayer and his victim, the supreme court held in a decision handed down yesterday.

**Story of Case.**

The action was an appeal taken by Harry J. Cooper from a judgment of the district court of Traill county, awarding damages to Mrs. Ross. Mrs. Ross brought suit to recover damages from the defendant, by whom the plaintiff's husband was employed as foreman at the time of the murder. There was a quarrel between McAlain Cooper and Ross, which resulted in the former firing several shots at the latter, finally mortally wounding him. Just prior to the shooting, young Cooper, acting in the absence of his father, had discharged Ross. The allegation of the widow was that the killing took place in connection with the discharge and ejectment of her husband, and that McAlain Cooper in so doing was acting as an agent for his father and that the latter was responsible for

any injury sustained by her husband, arising out of and in the course of his occupation.

**Court's Findings.**

The supreme court in an opinion written by Judge Goss, rules that there is no proof to sustain the finding of the jury in the lower court that in shooting Ross, McAlain Cooper was acting in furtherance of or to facilitate the discharge or ejectment of Ross from the defendant's farm following his discharge, or in any way assisting the plaintiff; and hence there is no liability of defendant to plaintiff for the malicious killing of Ross by the son.


"The evidence, without substantial conflict, under every reasonable presumption, inference from or construction of it, establishes that in killing Ross under circumstances amounting to murder, McAlain Cooper was acting independently and for himself in the execution of his premeditated design to kill Ross, and that he was not in any degree or particular acting for his father, the defendant. In the making of this murderous assault on Ross, no relation of master and servant as to it existed between father and son.

Charles A. Pollock was the special trial judge in Traill county. The attorneys were: Charles A. Lyche of Hatton, for the plaintiff and respondent, and P. G. Swenson of Hillsboro and Bangs, Hamilton & Bangs of Grand Forks, for the defendant and appellant, Harry J. Cooper.

**COURT TERM CONTINUED**

Judge Nuesse Excused Jurors This Morning, Continuing Dec. Term Until Jan. 16, 1917.

Asserting that it was improbable that the calendar could be completed before Christmas and in order to per-



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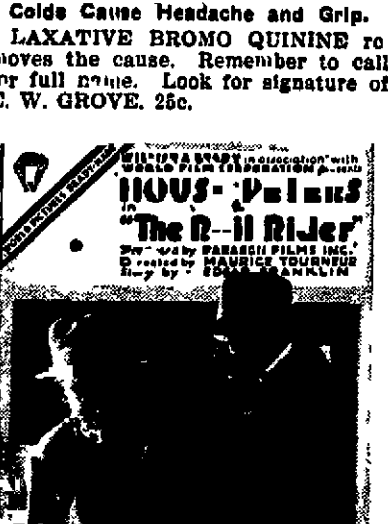
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mit the jurors to reach their homes and be with their families on Christmas day, Judge W. L. Nuesse of the district court this morning excused the jurors and continued the December term until 10 o'clock, January 16, 1917.

All jury cases on the present calendar will be taken up then in the order as they now stand, it was announced by the court.

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### A CAR FOR EVERY FIFTEENTH PERSON IN BURKE COUNTY

Ratio of Machines to Population Is Greatest in North Dakota

### CARS LARGEST NUMBER; SIOUX LEAST

Cass county, with 2,520 automobiles, has a greater number of gas gigs than any other county in the state. In density of machines, however, Burke stands first, with one car for each ten people, and the two Scotch shires, McHenry and McLean, follow, with one car for every 12 people. The proportion of machine, for Cass county is one to 16; in Grand Forks and Walsh counties one to 15, and in Burleigh, Bottineau and ward, one machine to every 14 people. The fewest cars are reported by Sioux county, with a total of 37 machines, or one to every 57 people. It must be remembered in this connection that a majority of Sioux county's 2,135 people are Indians less than one generation removed from the calico pony.

**Walla Prepares Report.**

These and many other interesting facts are disclosed by a detailed report prepared by E. M. Walla, in charge of the automobile registration department of the secretary of state's office. His report shows that 40,446 machines have been registered during 1916, as against 34,908 in 1915; 17,349 in 1914; 13,075 in 1913; 8,298 in 1912, and 7,201 in 1911. The trend of the state's prosperity and development, ever upward, but progressing with remarkable strides during the last three years, may be traced in these statistics. It may be remarked that more than 50 percent of the cars registered during the last two years are of a substantially better type than those produced by previous years.

**Record by Counties.**

A record of the cars registered by counties, in 1915 and 1916, with the estimated population of these counties for 1916, follows:

County	1915	1916	Pop.
Adams	125	223	5,407
Barnes	900	1,381	18,706
Benson	429	705	12,705
Billings	30	67	3,250
Bottineau	170	1,186	17,337
Bowman	150	252	5,041
Burke	522	893	9,097
Burleigh	567	954	14,157
Cass	1,640	2,520	40,436
Cavalier	577	918	15,411
Dickey	1,008	806	10,094
Divide	331	620	8,894
Dunn	179	388	8,156
Eddy	221	379	6,684
Fergus	325	563	10,323
Foster	354	573	6,054
Golden Valley	329	429	6,038
Grand Forks	1,267	1,389	28,658
Griggs	455	625	6,587
Hettinger	264	513	7,711
Kidder	224	400	6,948
LaMoure	593	885	11,453
Logan	151	293	7,037
McHenry	688	1,320	16,950
McIntosh	164	382	8,020
McKenzie	194	300	10,809
McLean	553	1,148	15,879
Mercer	188	341	6,790
Morton	700	1,311	26,717
Montroll	345	702	11,135
Nelson	597	943	10,331
Oliver	68	179	4,053
Pembina	1,530	749	14,341
Pierce	287	433	9,703
Rock	393	678	15,070
Ransom	456	729	11,045
Reynolds	412	679	9,088
Richland	1,127	1,406	21,265
Rosette	216	403	9,594
Sargent	572	881	9,634
Sheridan	200	482	8,169
Sioux	17	37	2,135
Slope	177	227	5,101
Stark	308	833	14,247
Steele	410	530	7,016
Stutsman	753	1,210	24,091
Towner	387	472	9,147
Traill	1,776	1,001	12,838
Walsh	901	1,387	20,373
Ward	1,013	2,005	28,068
Wells	638	1,074	13,204
Williams	547	986	18,143

Totals 24,908 40,446 636,950

**One Car to 15 People.**

Based upon the census estimate of Secretary of State Thomas Hall in the year 1915, the ratio of automobiles in North Dakota would be one to each 15 people. Using the latest federal estimate of approximately 750,000 people for North Dakota, the

ratio is one machine for every 18th person.

**West Best Buyer.**

It is interesting to note that with the exception of a few counties in which the saddle horse is still a popular means of locomotion, such as Billings, Slope and Williams, the percentage of cars is greatest west of the river. The increase in number of cars during the last three years has also been greater in this region, keeping pace with the expansion in population.

**BUYS RESIDENCE PROPERTY.**

Attorney C. J. McCoy has purchased, through the J. H. Hollman agency

the Brooks Hoskins house in upper Fourth street. Mr. McCoy and family will take immediate possession.

### WIFE DESERTION CHARGED

Jacob Beaver, 55 years, arrested by Deputy Sheriff Welch south of Washburn, N. D., last Saturday on a charge of wife desertion, was arraigned before Judge Dolan of the police court this morning at 10 o'clock and a continuance granted until 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Mrs. Beaver, who lives at Trygg, al-

leges in her co-plaint that he abandoned both her and the little child, leaving them without means of support.

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